purchase order specification while accepting the unreserved tickets printed from the private firm during the first quarter of this year;

(b) whether this firm is supplying the sub-standard unreserved tickets to other Zonal Railways as well;

(c) whether there is any complaint pending against the firm;

(d) if so, what is the action taken thereon; and

(e) whether there is any policy set by his Ministry for procurement of reserved and unreserved railway tickets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Linking Bhiwadi with Delhi-Ahmedabad rail line

†2837. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to accord approval to the important project of linking Bhiwadi with Delhi-Ahmedabad broad gauge line in order to boost development work in industrial area of Bhiwadi in Rajasthan which is located adjacent to the NCR Delhi and is emerging as a major industrial hub for which his Ministry has suggested to the State Government to meet the cost of the said project;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) A survey for construction of a new broad gauge line between Rewari-Bhiwadi was completed in 2003-04. As per survey report, the cost of construction of 24.87 kms. long line had been assessed as Rs. 105.04 crore with a rate of return as (-) 8.56%. The State Government of Rajasthan expressed willingness to take up this project under National Capital Region Plan and Assistance to the State for Infrastructure Development for Export and Allied Activites (ASIDE) Scheme. The matter was referred to the State Government for bearing the cost of the project but there was no response in this regard. In view of this, the proposed new line was not taken up due to its un-remunerative nature and constraint of resources.

Sky Bus facility in hyderabad

2838. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has conducted a techno-economic feasibility to study to introduce "Sky Bus" project/facility in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame by which the project is expected to be approved/ cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) A tchno-economic feasibility study for the implementation of Sky Bus Metro project in Hyderabad was conducted by Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. for a private party (M/s. Doxport Technologies, Squadron Berhad, Malaysia) with due permission from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Details thereof are as under:-

(i) Techno-economic feasibility study draft report was submitted on 04.11.06 to M/s. Doxport Technologies, Squadron Berhad, Malaysia.

(ii) Total length 22 km (Uppal to Gudimalkapuram).

(iii) Total number of stations 19.

(iv) Total estimated capital cost is Rs. 1,782 crores (2006-07).

(c) Not decided.